

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 304 – SB 671

March 25, 2013

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Prohibits the sale of beer through a “self-checkout” terminal at a retail establishment. Requires retailers to post signs near the self-checkout machines notifying customers of the prohibition. Exempts customers 21 years of age or older from any violation of the prohibition. Authorizes employees of retail outlets to hold under-age violators until law enforcement arrives.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS (004308, 004577):** Amendment 004308 deletes all language after the enacting clause. Prohibits retailers that sell beer from allowing sales of beer at self-checkout units unless one attendant is present for every four self-checkout units. Requires permit holders to post signs indicating to customers that beer purchases through self-checkout units are prohibited when the retailer does not meet the proposed staffing requirement. Amendment 004577 increases, from four to six, the number of self-checkout units that one attendant is required to monitor for the purpose of selling beer from self-checkout units.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- There will be no change in the total amount of beer sold; therefore, no change in sales tax or beer tax revenue.
- There will not be a significant change in the number of under-age prosecutions for local government to experience any significant increase in revenue or expenditures.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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